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Food and Drug Administration  
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Re: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food"

To whom it may concern:

We are writing to ask the Food and Drug Administration to retain the current labeling law with the current terminology of "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation", and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated whole foods.

We believe the labeling should be on any product that contains any Ingredient that has been treated by irradiation.


As consumers, we depend on the label on a product to give us correct nutritional information. We believe the absence of the above labeling would cause a gross misrepresentation of this information since irradiation is known to cause a loss in the nutritional values of products of all kinds, especially fruits and vegetables.

Please retain the current labeling laws. We feel that we have the right to know the content information of the food products that we consume.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

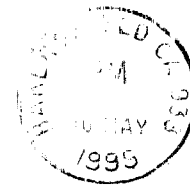
  
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